

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1997 Hornum, M.B. et. al.
Phase I Archeological Survey of the Willow Grove Plantation Core Area, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Donatelli & Klein, Inc.

Library ID No: 97000838 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 268

Research Firm/Institution:

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
241 East Fourth Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD 21701

Sites examined:

18PR510

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes the Phase I archeological investigations conducted at the site of the former Willow Grove plantation near Bowie. Planned development in the area was going to impact the "core" of the former plantation. Plans called for the construction of houses and roads, and the installation of utilities. Grading and construction were to have an adverse impact upon the integrity of any cultural resources within the project area. As a result, Phase I work was carried out pursuant to Condition 13 of Prince George's County Planning Board Resolution 95-260 file 4-95057.

Project Objectives:

- Make a preliminary determination of the nature, age, and function of the plantation core.
- Determine the horizontal and vertical boundaries of each identified resource.
- Make a preliminary determination of the potential integrity of each resource.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR510.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2000 Ward, J.A.

A Phase II Archaeological Evaluation of the Willow Grove Site (18PR510) Located Within the Proposed Westwood Development, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to OA Partners, Inc.

Library ID No: 97000839 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 269

Research Firm/Institution:

Applied Archaeology and History Associates, Inc.
615 Fairglen Lane
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18PR510

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

During June and July, 2000 a Phase II archeological evaluation was conducted on portions of the Willow Grove Site (18PR510), located within the Westwood Development, near Collington, Prince George's County. The site had been identified during a previous Phase I archeological survey pursuant to Condition 13 of Prince George's County Planning Board Resolution 95-260 file 4-95057. The Phase II archeological investigation was designed and undertaken to address the recommendations of the Phase I survey.

Project Objectives:

- Document and evaluate the significance of the previously identified Site 18PR510.
- Develop appropriate recommendations for the future management of 18PR510.
- Collect and analyze information pertaining to the potential of the site to address questions concerning life in the past.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR510.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Research Firm/Institution:

Sites examined:

18PR510

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II	<p>This report describes the results of a Phase III data recovery project conducted at the Willow Grove Site (18PR510), a former tobacco plantation founded in the 18th century. The site was identified and examined during two previous studies: a Phase I survey in 1996 and Phase II testing in 2000. The site is located on a property that was, at the time, undergoing residential development. It also was situated within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit sought by the developer. Therefore, in consultation with MHT and the US Army Corps of Engineers and in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, a Phase III data recovery and mitigation program was carried out.</p>	<p>-Assess how the Bowie family materially expressed their elite status by examining the assemblage of manufactured and/or imported goods consumed at the manor house and any evidence of formal landscaping, gardens, or other architectural element present on the immediate grounds.</p>
Phase III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<p>-Determine who inhabited the outlying structures (Structures 2, 4, and 5) and their social status and/or ethnicity as reflected in architecture or consumer goods. Determine if any of these structures witnessed a change in occupancy and/or function over time.</p> <p>-Assess how Structures 2, 4, and 5 related to the Manor House and whether or not the structures are contemporaneous. Determine if there is any evidence of surrounding features that could indicate their functional participation in plantation operations and if the large depression near the Manor House is in fact an icehouse.</p> <p>-Determine if any of the outlying structures were slave quarters, tenant's houses, or both and if there is any indication of high-density and/or multi-family occupation. Assess the material circumstances of these inhabitants and how they may have changed over time.</p> <p>-Assess whether or not there is any evidence for a continuity of African religious or spiritual practices at any of these outlying structures. Determine if subfloor pits/caches, cultural materials tied to specific regions of Africa, or evidence of resistance to slave domination are preserved at the site.</p> <p>-Determine the extent to which enslaved Africans and/or impoverished tenants participated in the local economy, relied on handicrafts, used manufactured goods, and acquired hand-me-downs from the main household.</p> <p>-Compare the evidence from Willow Grove to other documented sites in Maryland, the Chesapeake Bay region, or regions to the South.</p>

Research Potential:

The archeological investigations at the Willow Grove site (18PR510) yielded comparative information as well as useful insights into the Bowie family, their slaves and laborers, and how the Bowies constructed their environment so that their plantation would run as efficiently as possible and display their elite status in a socially appropriate manner. In addition, to the structures and features identified during the Phase I assessment and the Phase II evaluation, additional structures, spatial dimensions of the landscape, and the intensive investigation of the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the manor house were conducted and documented. It is believed that the research potential of Site 18PR510 has, for the most part, been realized.